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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress,  
LLC  
**Docket No. 2018-1-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the Commission's letter order dated December 14, 2017, I have enclosed on behalf of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP"), an Affidavit indicating that the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines in the above-referenced docket has been provided to DEP's retail customers in South Carolina by bill insert starting February 1, 2018 and completed on February 28, 2018.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803.988.7130.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Dulin

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Dawn Hipp, Office of Regulatory Staff  
Ms. Jenny R. Pittman, Office of Regulatory Staff  
Ms. Heather Shirley Smith, Duke Energy  
Mr. Frank Ellerbee, Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp Laffitte, LLC

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2018-1-E

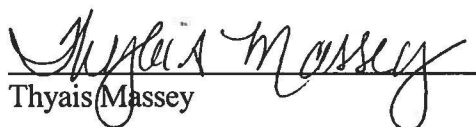
In the Matter of

Annual review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of  
Duke Energy Progress, LLC

AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Thyais Massey, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Senior Revenue Analyst for Duke Energy Progress, LLC; that under her direction and supervision, the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein has been furnished either by U.S. mail, or by electronic mail to customers who have agreed to receive the Notice by electronic mail, to all applicable customers of Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

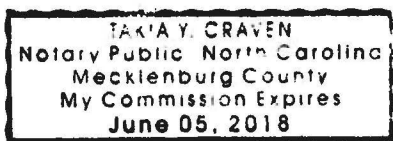
  
Thyais Massey



Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



Notary Public for North Carolina  
My Commission Expires: 6/5/2018



**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CLERK'S OFFICE**

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES  
DOCKET NO. 2018-1-E**

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs  
of Duke Energy Progress, LLC

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865 (2016) established a procedure for annual hearings to allow the Commission and all interested parties to review the fuel purchasing practices and policies of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and for the Commission to determine if any adjustment in the fuel cost recovery mechanism is necessary and reasonable. Section 58-27-865(B) states, in part, "Upon conducting public hearings in accordance with law, the Commission shall direct each company to place in effect in its base rate an amount designed to recover, during the succeeding twelve months, the fuel costs determined by the Commission to be appropriate for that period, adjusted for the over-recovery or under-recovery from the preceding twelve-month period." Coincident with this proceeding and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-39-140, the Commission will also determine whether an increase or decrease should be granted in the fuel cost component designed to recover the incremental or avoided costs incurred by the Company to implement the distributed energy resource program previously approved by the Commission.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **March 23, 2018**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2018-1-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and Heather S. Smith, Esquire, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, 40 W. Broad Street, Suite 690, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, on or before **March 23, 2018**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2018-1-E.***

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Sections 58-27-865 and 58-39-140, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, June 07, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.